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New Marriage Legislation

Problems of Interpretation Considered

By THE REV. NATHANAEL B. GROTON

After wrestling for several years to write new Marriage Canons, the Commission on Holy Matrimony offered the results of its work to General Convention in Philadelphia last September.

The House of Bishops tackled them in the early days of Convention, didn't like them, tossed them into the hands of a special committee of five Bishops and ordered them to be rewritten overnight!

The Layman's Interest

To the average layman of our Church, the all-important matter in the new canons has to do with remarriage after divorce. The main question in his mind is this: "Since the Convention in September, is the Church more strict or more liberal in the matter of remarriage?" He loves his Church and he is eager to see it upholding the Christian ideals of marriage in which he so sincerely believes. Yet at the same time, he longs to see his Church showing the spirit of Christian mercy toward the unfortunate person whose life has been made shipwreck as a result of an unfortunate and unhappy marriage.

But as he waits eagerly for an answer to his question, he hears only some such words as these: "Now there can be no more securing permission for remarriage upon some technicality which amounts only to the evasion of the Church's historic position." Or he may be among another group of clergymen and laymen who are telling him: "Now, under the new canons, a Rector may

secure permission to remarry a divorced parishioner whose first marriage has unfortunately gone on the rocks." In other words, the new canons are being already interpreted in two entirely different ways, one as raising the bars against the possibility of remarriage, and the other as letting them down.

The Impediments

There is one thing we can say quite positively about the new canons. According to Canon 16, Section 2, paragraph (b), no clergyman shall solemnize any marriage *unless he shall have ascertained* that none of the following nine impediments exist: (1) consanguinity within certain degrees (one may not marry one's ascendant or descendant, one's sister, nor the sister or brother of one's ascendant or descendant or one's brother or sister), (2) mistake as to the identity of either party; (3) mental deficiency of either party sufficient to prevent the exercise of intelligent choice; (4) insanity in either party; (5) failure of either party to have reached the age of puberty; (6) impotence, sexual perversion or the existence of venereal disease in either party undisclosed to the other; (7) facts which would make the proposed marriage bigamous; (8) concurrent contract inconsistent with the contract constituting canonical marriage; (9) attendant conditions: error as to the identity of either party, fraud, coercion or duress, or such defects of personality as to make competent or free consent impossible.

The Importance of the Impediments

To a clergyman, talking in his study with two young people who have come to arrange for their wedding, this list of impediments may seem, at first thought, to be of no great concern. To the young couple they may seem almost amusing! Yet, in case this marriage ever goes on the rocks and a divorce is granted by a civil court of competent jurisdiction, it is on any one or more of these impediments, *which must be shown to have existed at the time of the wedding*, that the Bishop will base his permission for a remarriage. For Canon 17, Section 2 (ii), expressly states: "when any of the Acts set forth in Canon 16, Section 2, paragraph (b), are shown to exist or to have existed which manifestly establish that no marriage bond as the same is recognized by this Church exists, the same may be declared by proper authority."

While he is talking with the prospective bride and groom, the clergyman knows quite well that one is not the other's ascendant or descendant, that they are not brother and sister, etc.; he is sure, too, there is no mistake as to the identity of either party. He is inclined to believe that there is no mental deficiency preventing intelligent choice, nor insanity in either party. But what about "the failure of either party to have reached the age of puberty?" What about the existence of "impotence" or "sex-perversion?" (The license from the County Marriage License Bureau will take care

of the absence of venereal disease and any possibility of bigamy.) And how can even a Philadelphia lawyer be successful in unearthing a "concurrent contract inconsistent with the contract constituting canonical marriage?" Or how can he discover such attendant conditions as "fraud," "coercion or duress," or "such defects of personality as to make competent or free consent impossible?" What is to be considered fraud, or coercion, or duress?

At any rate, as one reads and re-reads the new canons, and comes to understand what they say, he realizes first that the Bishop's ruling, granting permission for the remarriage of a divorced person, is based upon the *existence of one or more of the nine impediments* listed in Canon 16; and second, that one Bishop's *interpretation* of any of the impediments may vary greatly from that of another Bishop.

More Strict or More Liberal?

What, then, are the laity and the clergy to think about these new marriage canons as to whether they are more strict or more liberal? The answer is very simple: "Nobody can tell because nobody knows." But the new canons provide that every judgment of every Bishop "shall be in writing and made a matter of permanent record in the Archives of the Diocese or Missionary District"; they further provide that a special committee of three Bishops shall "collate" those judgments and, once a year, "publish their findings *as to procedure followed.*" Before many years, therefore, we shall all begin to learn just how these canons are being interpreted and how the mind of the Church is expressing itself on this most important matter of remarriage after divorce.

For Communicants Only!

Further, there is one point in the new canons which must not be overlooked—the canons apply *only to communicants of our own Church.* Therefore, in the case of a remarriage after divorce, if neither the bride nor the groom is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, no Episcopal clergyman is permitted, under any circumstances, to perform the marriage. This ruling will undoubtedly save our clergy many a headache!

Other Matters

While the remarriage of divorced persons is undoubtedly the layman's

first interest in the new canons, it might be well to refer to a few other matters on which they make rulings.

They rule that the clergyman "shall have instructed the parties as to the nature of Holy Matrimony," and further that the National Council shall cause to be prepared "suitable guides for the preparation of persons for Holy Matrimony."

The canons order a clergyman to ascertain that "at least one of the parties has received Holy Baptism," and they recommend that a clergyman require the bride and groom

to sign a "statement signifying their understanding of the Church's doctrine regarding marriage and their intention to be faithful to it."

Further, the canons have something to say, in a straight-from-the-shoulder fashion, to the laity: "When marital unity is imperilled by dissention, it shall be the duty of either or both parties, before contemplating legal action, to lay the matter before a Minister of this Church; and it shall be the duty of the Minister to labor that the parties may be reconciled."

Girls' Friendly Society

It is a pleasure to welcome three new Junior Branches and their leaders: Calvary Church, Rockdale, under the leadership of Mrs. John R. Huggins; Epiphany Church, Germantown, Mrs. Arthur M. Valz, leader; and St. Matthias, West Oak Lane, where Miss Phylliss Green is Branch Adviser.

Junior Branches are open to small girls from 5 to 13 years old inclusive, and the program is increasingly attractive and valuable. Miss Caroline Wagner, Diocesan Chairman for Juniors, announces resumption of her informal leaders' training conferences, in small groups by appointment, at her home, 128 West Tulpehocken Street, telephone GE 8-2163. These "conferences" are open not only to new and prospective leaders, but to all who may need just a refresher course in any phase of the G. F. S. Miss Wagner announces, too, weekly training classes in hand craft, at her home on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 4 P. M. These classes are open to any G. F. S. leader in all groups.

Integrated in one family, as the Friendly has always been—each according to age and interest, the expanding program of the national and diocesan work offers sharing in many great movements of today. The new "At Your Service" pamphlet just issued has suggestions for working with Church World Service, American Women's Voluntary Services and other agencies to help the hungry and needy. Support of the Friendly Trailer (seen here during General Convention) will continue as the National Mission Object—as it carries friendliness and cheer to the isolated children and youth in the maintains of Kentucky, Diocese of Lexington.

Plans for the diocesan Lenten

work are already announced—study and discussion on "The Christian and Race," and richly filled boxes to St. Mark's Negro Mission, Wilson, North Carolina, and the Mission of the Good Shepherd (Indian) at Fort Stall, Idaho. Sewing or contributing to purchase ready made garments is *not* interesting to youngsters, so Miss Elizabeth W. Beatty, Chairman of Missions, and Miss Wagner have a fine new idea for 1947. During Lent the Juniors will happily produce hundreds of articles of their hand craft skill—stuffed animals and stocking dolls, leather purses, necklaces and bean bags, pot holders, aprons, and dust caps—all to go as 1947 Christmas gifts to the Indian children and their mothers in far away Idaho!

St. Luke's Branch, Germantown, Miss Florence Smith, Branch Adviser, reports the earning of \$800 towards completion of their pledge of \$1,000 toward the rehabilitation of the Parish House. Hard work for this objective has not interfered with regular branch and diocesan activities. Congratulations to St. Luke's!

OUR EPIPHANY COVER

The picturesque bell tower, reproduced from *Forth*, stands in the center of the compound lawn at the Convent of St. Lioba, Wuhu, China. The Sisters of the Transfiguration were compelled to move their work to a new location in Free China. The bell from the bell tower was carefully buried, so that no one could find it when they had abandoned the compound. The bell tower survived the war, the bell was dug and restored, and the Rt. Rev. Robin T. S. Chen, a graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School, held a Thanksgiving Service at the bell tower.

Bishop Hart's Message

The General Convention has requested every parish to take an offering on Sunday, January 26th, for Theological Education. Where that offering is taken, some parishes will desire to designate it for the seminary from which their own Rector has graduated. Others will desire to give their offering to the Philadelphia Divinity School. Others will divide their offering between two or more seminaries. In any case the request of General Convention affords an opportunity for our people to learn the facts about the present situation in our theological schools.

Justice Owen J. Roberts, in his recent address to the Church Club, pictured the strong contrast between the fifteen hundred applicants for the first year class at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and the sixteen students at our Divinity School. Mr. Roberts appealed to the men of the Diocese to interest themselves in securing better leadership for the Church. This can be done in two ways:

- (1) Show a vital interest in our Theological Schools.
- (2) Encourage our ablest young men to study for the ministry.

(1) The vestry of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, made the excellent suggestion that vestries visit our Divinity School and learn first-hand how our men are prepared for their ministry. Dean Gifford was quick to welcome the suggestion and vestries have been visiting our school. I hope that all vestries will arrange to do so. Call Dean Gifford (Evergreen 6-7475) and make the arrangements. The first element in a fruitful ministry is religion. The Divinity School cannot make the student a man of religion, but it can—

(a) inform a student who is lacking in the spirit of religion that he has no place in the Christian ministry. I have refused a great many applicants. Dean Hodges of Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Massachusetts, once said, "Some students for the ministry do not care to come to church and do not pay their bills!" Obviously such men should be stopped before they are ordained. Our present canons



require the Divinity School professors to pass judgment on a man's fitness to be ordained. This is a splendid safeguard in helping to keep those, who haven't a real vocation, out of the ministry.

(b) help those who are worthy and well prepared to be men of religion. The school can make faith possible and truth clear. Our one aim at the Philadelphia Divinity School is to develop and train spiritual leaders. To do this we need the personal interest of our thinking laymen.

(2) In regard to the way in which you can encourage the ablest of our young men to study for the ministry, may I make this suggestion. After Justice Roberts' address at the Church Club dinner, Vice Admiral J. L. Kauffman, Commandant of this Naval District and an interested churchman, said to me, "I know we ought to have abler men, but I have no constructive suggestions as to the way in which to get them." The answer lies in the experience of one parish. For years and years and years this famous parish had been leading a parasitic existence, always wanting a "star" Rector and always expecting some other church to produce him and educate him. This parish hadn't send a man into the ministry for over forty years. The members of the vestry took no interest whatever in the seminary which was located in the adjacent city. As a matter of fact the vestry did little

but meet once a month (if a quorum could be secured) and vote that all bills presented should be paid when and if the funds were available. The Rector was designated by the vestry to have entire charge of the Every Member Canvass! Then a change occurred. Two new men came on the vestry. They gave the church their best in thought and effort. The number of men active in the parish began to increase. The vestry took over the responsibility for the Every Member Canvass. For years the parish had paid only a part of its proportionate share for the support of the Diocese and General Church. Now due, in part at least, to the fine leadership of the vestry, the parish gladly overpaid its proportionate share. The vestry became interested in the nearby divinity school. They visited the school and discussed with the Dean and faculty how the students could be taught to read the service more intelligently! They were impressed by most of the students and the need for more like them. Already that parish has sent several men into the ministry and today several more are in our seminaries. Wherever a parish has such far-sighted and unselfish leadership, able and well-equipped young men will be found offering themselves for the ministry.

Oliver J. Hart

A Happy Announcement

Bishop Gravatt of Upper South Carolina has announced that Mr. St. Julian Cullum of Sandy Springs Farm, Aiken Co., S. C., has given a 100 acre tract of land in Aiken County to the Diocese. The land includes a lake and many acres of woodland.

The gift constitutes a realization of a need long felt. A diocesan center within easy reach of all the parishes and available throughout the year will furnish a place for youth conventions, and for meetings of the clergy, laymen, and women of the Diocese.

I hope that some day I shall be able to make the same happy announcement for the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

OLIVER J. HART.

World-Wide Week of Prayer

By THE RT. REV. WILLIAM P. REMINGTON, Suffragan Bishop



LORD GOD OF THE NATIONS, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto Thee in this time of great peril. Pour into our hearts and into the hearts of all men everywhere the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Drive far from us all fear, suspicion, envy, hatred and the lust for power. Guide with Thy sure wisdom those who are taking counsel for our peace in a changing World Order and grant to them new understanding, patience and strength to uphold the right. Make them ever mindful of

their duty to serve Thee that they may win for mankind such unity, freedom and mutual trust as will enable all nations to bring their glory and honor into Thy Kingdom; through Him who came to set men free, even Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Prayer releases moral and spiritual forces without which man's newly discovered physical energies may prove destructive. At last man begins to feel a more universal need for God, his heart is failing him for fear, looking at those things which are happening on the earth. Fear of our enemies invites disaster, but *fear of the Lord* may be the beginning of wisdom. It will be if it drives us to our knees and we begin to repent of our sins and throw away the crutches which even science has discarded.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ and the World Council of the Churches has issued a call to a *Universal Week of Prayer to be held January 5-12*. Your Bishops urge upon individuals and parishes within the Diocese to observe this week. Let us start the New Year in united prayer with other Christians around the world.

God's answers to man's every problem are available to faithful Christians. Doors can be unlocked by prayer. If more of us can discover God's will for His world, we may bring our influence to bear upon history now in the making and so help a despairing world to overcome its fears and press on towards a just and durable peace.

Material for the observance of this week can be ordered from the Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

In the meanwhile, we have authorized the attached prayer for use in the Diocese. This may be obtained on an attractively printed card from the Committee on Christian World

Order, the Church House, the Rev. Lars R. Bache-Wiig, Executive Secretary.

JANUARY PEACE FORUMS

The Diocesan Committee on Christian World Order is planning a second series of regional forums to be held from January 13th to 18th. The speakers for this series will be men engaged in foreign affairs work connected with our government. The centers where the January series will be held will be St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia; Holy Apostles and the Mediator, West Philadelphia; Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown; St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne. The exact dates and speakers for each place will be announced later. Members of the Committee will also contact, by telephone or otherwise, the clergy and those who have shown an interest by their attendance at previous meetings arranged by the Committee.

A SECRETARY'S WORK

The Rev. Charles H. Long recently read a paper before a group of clergy in which he related some of his experiences during five years of service at the Church House. He is Secretary to the Bishop, Secretary of the Diocesan Convention, Executive Council, Department of Missions, Department of Finance, Commission on Recruiting for the Ministry, Committee on Salaries and Pensions, Board of Strategy, besides being a Canon of the Cathedral, Examining Chaplain, and Master of Ceremonies on numerous diocesan occasions.

A Secretary is at the mercy of

critics at all times, and he could not stand the pressure of the work if it were not for the understanding and support of the Bishop.

The Secretary tries to extend a welcome to all visitors, to listen patiently and cheerfully to all, to co-ordinate the activities of the Church House staff and to relieve the Bishop of details wherever possible.

MEN'S CLUB PROGRAM

The S. Lewis White Men's Club of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, has published the following calendar of events for the year's activities: December 6th, steak dinner, prepared and served by the men; November 12th, football moving pictures; December 9th, the operation of the Philadelphia police radio; January 6th, old fashioned spelling bee; February 3rd, forum; March 3rd, Men's Club dinner; April 17th, ladies' night with "take-off" of radio celebrities; May 5th, movies showing Philadelphia Fire Department in action; June 9th, talk by Dr. Rufus S. Reeves, Director of Public Health, illustrated by moving pictures.

ROMAN CATHOLICS JOIN US

At Christ Church, Brooklyn, at a recent service, twenty-six Spanish-speaking Americans were presented to the Bishop of Long Island. Some were to be confirmed; but the majority were received into the Episcopal Church, having been previously baptized and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church. Services in Spanish are conducted for them by one of their number, Mr. Angel Fernandez, who is a candidate for holy orders in the Diocese of Long Island.

PENSION ASSESSMENT RAISED

Beginning January 1, 1947, the assessment rate for the Church Pension Fund will be increased from 7½ to 10% of the salaries of the clergy. The reason for this is the declining interest yields on the investments of the Fund. Parishes have very generally met their pension assessment obligation promptly. The unpaid balance for 1945 is less than \$1,000, as compared with a total of about \$1,260,000 paid. It is anticipated that all parishes and missions will adjust their arrangements to take care of this increase.



THE ENTRANCE TO THE COLLEGE OF PREACHERS, WASHINGTON, CATHEDRAL IN THE BACKGROUND

College of Preachers Works Toward Better Sermons

"What did you think of the sermon?" All over our fair land might be heard this query nearly any Sunday morning as the basis for assigning value to the Church service of the day. The same measure is applied to the new Rector, or the visiting Preacher. Sermons have one thing at least in common with the weather—lots of people talk about them but no one does anything about them.

A bit over twenty years ago, however, the then recently resigned Bishop of our own Diocese, Bishop Rhinelander, did something momentous about sermons. He was then a member of the Cathedral Chapter in Washington, D. C. He gathered a group of volunteers around him and with such hospitality as could be provided by the Cathedral itself through its chapels, library, and dormitory space in one of the schools they established a "College of Preachers."

Groups of clergy were assembled from all parts of the country each spring, beginning in June, 1924, and for a few days plunged into

concentrated study of the Church's belief and message, and a constructive exchange of evaluation and criticism of each other's preaching.

Three years later Bishop Freeman, of the Diocese of Washington, was telling a friend of some of the rich experiences of such a conference recently held. His friend caught the thrilling vision of what such an institution could do for the quality of preaching in the Church. Then and there Alexander Smith Cochran offered what amounted to a million and a quarter dollars to build facilities for housing such groups and extending the privilege of study and fellowship as broadly as possible.

There stands today on the northeast edge of the Cathedral grounds a fine gothic building with its own chapel, class rooms, refectory, dormitory, and excellent library of many thousand volumes. It was completed in the Fall of 1929.

By the end of November 935 conferences had been held since the simple beginnings under Bishop Rhinelander. Groups of about two

dozen clergy, not too old to learn, and not so young that they think there is little left to learn, come together for a stimulating exchange of ideas and friendly self-criticism. Invitations are planned so that many seminaries are represented in each group to provide for the broadest possible range of views.

Over all there is the expert guidance of outstanding scholarship in the person selected to be Conference Leader, the Warden of the College, and the cooperating Canons of the Cathedral. This keeps it from being just a parading of individual prejudices or "queer ideas" that would prevent anything constructive from taking place. This tradition was firmly established by the founders and is most ably carried on by the present Warden, the Rev. Theodore O. Wedel, Ph.D.

Inspiring as a week is in such surroundings, the pleasures and privileges extended to the fortunate participants does not end then. The privilege of drawing on the extensive library of the College is theirs as long as they care to exercise it.

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Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, Editor

President's Message

May the New Year bring you all joy and happiness.

One of the strongest emphases of General Convention was on the Church's educational work and the need for a revitalization and re-thinking of its program, for which an increased appropriation was approved. The program should include education for every age group, which is what the Woman's Auxiliary has been striving to achieve for many years.

Only with some knowledge of a subject does one develop interest in it. It is small wonder that so many members of this great Episcopal Church are so mildly interested in it, since we know so little about it. This applies even to those of us who work in the Church. Yet learning about the Church is a thrilling experience.

The Winter Diocesan Conference offers many most interesting classes with splendid teachers, including one on the place and responsibility of women in the life of the Church. For dates and time see page 8.

Classes for leaders for Mission Study on January 29th, February 5th and 12th, at 1:30 P. M., at the Church House. The books on this year's Mission Study topic, India, are particularly interesting, more so than many novels.

Let us concentrate on two E's during 1947—Education (for ourselves as well as others); and Evangelism—by which I mean trying to win at least one person for Christ, and by helping those who are at work in other places by our prayers and gifts.

The diocesan program for Material Aid for overseas relief is under the sponsorship of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary. Please learn its plans and see that your Auxiliary branch is cooperating 100% in helping to feed the starving and clothe the naked overseas.

Let us raise our sights to, and keep them steadfastly on, the glorious goal toward which we are all working—to know Christ and to make Christ known to all people.

MARGARET PACKARD.

The Overseas Committee

The Foreign Committee is now

known as the Overseas Committee, in order to coincide with the present policy of the National Council, and the new name better defines our all-embracing interests and the fields for which we work and pray.

The fields selected for the year just ended, and the amounts pledged, are as follows: China, for Central China College, Wuchang, \$2,100.

Philippines—\$1,500, divided among the St. Stephen's School for girls at Manila; the Sagada Hospital, for medical supplies, and towards the salary of Bishop Binstead.

Africa—\$1,200, also divided among three objects: the House of Bethany (school for girls); St. John's Industrial School for Boys, and St. Timothy's Hospital.

Japan—\$600, towards Bishop Reifsnnyder's salary.

India—\$600, for work in Dornakal.

These amounts make a total of \$6,000, which we met with a gratifying and encouraging balance, which was voted to be given to one of the above objects.

Our Committee has been successful for a number of years in over-reaching the goal of "The Mile of Pennies," namely, \$884.80, accomplished by steady, persistent personal effort, which has contributed largely to the completion of our annual pledge.

At our monthly meetings, held at 10:30 o'clock on the third Wednesdays of the month at the Church House, we have had as many as 83 persons, representing 76 parishes. But many more parishes should send delegates from their Woman's Auxiliary branches to hear the stories told by the speakers of their work in far away lands, and to be inspired by their lives to be their co-workers in prayer and sacrificial effort. In January, however, the meeting is to be held on the 8th in order to hear Bishop Huang. We heartily welcome all who care to come to these meetings.

League of Intercessors

The League of Intercessors of the Woman's Auxiliary has been at work in our Diocese since 1927, when Mrs. William J. Haines organized it to help meet the needs of those who were cut off by age, illness or distance from the services of the Church. Soon afterwards

combined with the Church League for the Isolated under Mrs. Charles Biddle, Chairman for many years, it has been carried on since 1929 as part of the Woman's Auxiliary. Finding children in the country unable to get to Church Schools, it organized the Church School by Mail, which is now under the Diocesan Department of Christian Education.

The aim of the League is to reach through personal visits those who are not able to attend Church services, and to try to make them feel that they have a vital part in the Church's life, through prayer, as Intercessors. In 59 parishes, there are now 960 Intercessors, many in homes, hospitals and sanitariums, who look forward to the visits and the prayer material provided by the League.

We have been humbled and inspired by the example of many of the Intercessors, who, often lonely and suffering, have shown courage, patience and faith, upheld and strengthened in the prayer-fellowship of the League. Many have come to feel, through this fellowship, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Sacristy Pilgrimage

On February 6th, at 2:30 and again at 8 P. M., under the auspices of the Afternoon and Evening Auxiliaries and the Altar Guild of St. Mark's Church, as the worship program of the winter meetings, there will be a lecture on "Vestments and Worship" by the Rev. William H. Dunphy in the parish house, 1625 Locust Street. With the lecture, the vestments of St. Mark's Church will be shown, their meaning indicated, and their place and value as accessories of divine worship explained.

The origin of the vestments in Christian worship will be briefly traced, and the requirements of our own Church at the Reformation and since will be set forth.

Special Notice

The Right Reverend Qionton K. J. Huang, Bishop of the Missionary District of Kuming, will speak to all delegates of the five Woman's Auxiliary missionary committees on Wednesday, January 8th, at Holy Trinity Parish House at 10:30 A. M. at the meeting of the Overseas Committee. (The Domestic Committee's meeting has been changed to the following Wednesday.)

Hospital Chaplains Organize

The first national organization of Protestant Hospital Chaplains was formed in Philadelphia on September 27th as a featured part of the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the American Protestant Hospital Association. The group is to be known as the Association of Protestant Hospital Chaplains, and will be a section of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

The number of Protestant hospitals having full-time Chaplains has more than doubled in the past six years. The Association has joined with the Commission on Religion and Health of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in setting forth standards for chaplaincy work and encouraging fellowship on the part of Chaplains.

The purpose of the new Chaplains' Association is to provide a professional fellowship for Protestant ministers who give at least a major portion of their time to ministry in civilian hospitals—Protestant hospitals, mental hospitals, veterans' hospitals, city general hospitals, and all other types of hospitals.

It is estimated that nearly five hundred Protestant ministers now devote full-time to ministry in civilian hospitals in the United States, including the 162 Protestant Chaplains in Veterans' Administration institutions. All these are eligible to join the new Association, together with the additional number who devote a major portion but not all of their time to hospital chaplaincy.

Russell L. Dicks, Chaplain of Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago, was elected first President of the new body. With him on the Executive Council will be Robert D. Morris, Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, as Vice-President; Leicester R. Potter, Jr., Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, Boston, as Secretary-Treasurer; Granger Westberg, Augustana Lutheran Hospital, Chicago, as Chaplain; and Carl J. Scherzer, Protestant Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, as Member-at-Large.

To further help develop pastoral work in hospitals, a new journal, to be called "The Journal of the Pastoral Care of the Sick and Distressed," is being formed. The Editorial Board, made up of representatives from general and mental hospitals, prison, the parish, and the seminary, has been selected. The Rev. Robert Morris, Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital, has been

elected Editor. The purpose of the journal is to provide Chaplains and others who are interested with factual articles on principles and methods. Sponsored by the Council for Clinical Training, the journal will first appear in March, 1947.

*"Give us, O God, the strength
to build
The city that has stood so long
a dream."*

The Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, has a new parish magazine called "Echo." The first issue consists of five large mimeographed sheets. There is a summary of General Convention action, a detailed listing of Church School courses of study, some eight organizations are listed with names, addresses and telephone numbers of officers of each group.



ST. DAVID'S, MANAYUNK

The Rev. Ronald A. Wiley, formerly in charge of the Church of the Redeemer, Andalusia, began his work as Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, on December 1st. He and Mrs. Wiley are in residence at the Rectory, 154 Krams Avenue, Manayunk.

The spire from St. David's Church, illustrated herewith, has been taken down from the tower to be given a gold leaf coating. The four-sided clock in the tower is also being repainted. St. David's steeple is a landmark which has overlooked the

valley of the Schuylkill River since 1876. Erection of the church was begun in 1831.

The interior of the church has recently been redecorated by Mr. Charles W. Horrocks, in loving memory of his wife, Clara V. Horrocks, who was a faithful member of the parish.

When the Rt. Rev. Henry I. Luttit, Bishop of Florida, visited the parish during the meeting of General Convention, he dedicated 300 hymnals, given by Miss Angeline Sturgis and Mr. Clifford Sturgis, in loving memory of Phillip Sturgis, their brother, who was lost at sea.

Mrs. William Walters has presented to St. David's Church two solid silver cruets in loving memory of her father, Mr. William Z. Holt, a former vestryman of the parish.

BEQUESTS

The Rev. Jacob Frederick Weinmann, who died September 7th, left the residue of his estate to the Christmas Fund of the Diocese. It will amount to about \$2,000. Mr. Weinmann had been a recipient of a pension from the Church Pension Fund, and an additional grant from the Christmas Fund. He felt that he would like to leave something to the Christmas Fund, so that other pensioners might be given addition help where it was needed.

The late Colin Deans, who died in 1945, named the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia, as residuary legatee. Something over \$5,000 is awarded to the church, the income to be used for Sunday School work.

Mrs. H. Agnes Curtis, who died in England, left \$5,000 to the Episcopal Hospital, \$100 to St. Peter's Church, Glenside, and \$100 to the Rev. George Copeland.

Dr. William M. Alrich, who died in 1921, named Emmanuel Church among beneficiaries under his will.

The Episcopal Hospital is named as one of three institutions to share in the residue of the estate of the late Mrs. Bettie T. Keim.

Mr. Samuel B. Bowen, who died in 1943, left \$10,000 to St. Peter's Church, Germantown.

Mrs. Clara E. Parker, widow of the Rev. Calvin C. Parker, bequeathed the sum of \$1,000 to the Diocese of Pennsylvania, designated for the Christmas Fund.

ORDINATIONS

Two Deacons were advanced to the Priesthood by Bishop Hart on December 7th at the Church of the Atonement, Morton. The Rev. Frederick Robert Isacksen, presented by the Rev. William Newman Parker, will continue his work at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, where he serves as assistant. The Rev. William Armstrong Powel, presented by the Rev. Chauncey E. Snowden, will become Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Morton, where he has been serving his Diaconate. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton.

Department of Christian Education

The Winter Conference

(Five consecutive Tuesday Evenings, January 14th thru February 11th)

Just before the last war, a distinguished British theologian, Canon Barry of Westminster, now the Lord Bishop of Southwell, published a book with the title, "What Has Christianity to Say?" In it he wrote, "If we suppose that we can preserve the Christian religion inside the walls of our churches, making no attempt to relate it to the thoughts which rule the minds of our contemporaries and those forces which, for good or evil, are hammering out the shape of things to come, then we are living in a fool's paradise."

It is with a similar idea that the Episcopal Church's Joint Commission on Social Reconstruction has just published a small but significant book, "Christianity Takes a Stand." Edited by Bishop Scarlett of Missouri, it presents the thought of twelve distinguished Americans on the Christian approach to the pressing problems of our day. To quote Bishop Scarlett's introduction, "The premise, the basic conviction, on which the work of the Commission rests, is that the solution to our problems is to be found only within a religious view of life and the world.—Christianity is not something irrelevant.—It is either the Rock on which we build our civilization or else it is the Rock against which civilization will continue to pound itself to pieces."

The Assembly Period of the Winter Conference, beginning with a presentation of "The Social Responsibility of the Christian and of the Church," will be built around the central theme of "Christianity Takes a Stand." Miss Jane Welte will deal with Race Relations; the Rev. Allan Kremer, Episcopal Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, with Political and Economic Aspects; Mr. Louis M. Washburn with International Problems; Dean Gifford, of the Philadelphia Divinity School, will present "The Duty of a Christian in the Modern World."

If, however, we are to apply the Christian Faith to the problems which confront our time, we need, as Bishop Rhinelander used to tell us, to "Think Out Our Faith." It is only by being quite clear as to what the Church calls on us to believe that we can truly act as Christians.

The First Period, therefore, for the entire Conference will deal with Our Belief as Christians, the leader of this basic course being the Rev. Edmund B. Wood.

The Third Period for each night of the Conference will present Christian Faith and Action as perfectly combined in the Life of Our Lord, with the Rev. Alvin H. Hanson as leader; the Church's philosophy of Faith and Living as found in the Prayer Book, led by the Rev. Ronald A. Wiley; the timely and practical subject of Visual Aids in Parish Work, given by the Rev. Charles Mauch; and the Woman's Auxiliary Mission Study Course on India, a land in which the need for Christian Faith and Christian Social Action are so vividly apparent, with Miss Margaret Birkhead as the leader. A fifth course for this period, on Personal Religion, is to be presented by the Rev. Alfred M. Smith.

Plan Now for—Lent

This year the children of our Church schools will go off to the Philippines during Lent! "Falek Sets a Trap" is the unit prepared by the National Council for the younger children. There is real suspense in these stories of the young Igorot boy to whom the Church brings health. The unit contains, too, many suggestions for activities with the small children. For the older boys and

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girls—"Let's Explore the Philippines," a unit prepared by Randolph Crump Miller. The unit contains stories, a broadcast script, "Questions and Answers," and suggestions for discussions and activities.

The Church School and Special Offerings Committees of the Department of Christian Education are preparing a supplementary booklet for distribution in the Diocese. It will contain the Bishop's letter to the boys and girls; suggestions for "visualizing" the Lenten Offering; additional resources on the Philippines that may be procured in Philadelphia—books, magazines, pictures, film strips, slides, newsprints, etc.; a Service of Worship for use with the Primary Department; revised Services of Dedication and Presentation; information about the Lenten Offering and the workers in the field that will bring to life the work of the Church overseas.

Today—Visual Education

In keeping with the trends of the day, the Department of Christian Education is concerning itself, through its Committee on Visual Education, with the setting up of a diocesan program, and the development of a policy which, it is hoped, will prove of benefit to every parish, mission, and organization within the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The use of visual aids in the parish educational program is of tremendous importance in the training of the young mind; it has its significant place in the development of mature thinking as well. However, visual aids are not to be considered cure-alls for faulty curriculums and unsatisfactory teaching methods; nor do they supercede the work of teaching staffs. In fact, visual educational programs involve organization and talent over and above that necessary for practical purposes. It shall be the work of this committee to assist in the development of parish programs and to direct attention to available equipment and methods.

It is the work of the committee to help you in your own parish as you progress in the field of education; to help you to make your program more attractive, more significant, and more inspiring to all who feel the influence of that program; to teach you how to use such equipment to its best advantage; and how to arrange for special programs, using sound films, slides, film strips, pictures, flannel boards, posters, etc.

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World-Wide Gleanings

Installation of Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Bishop of Massachusetts, elected at General Convention to become Presiding Bishop of the Church, will be installed to that office at the Washington Cathedral on January 14th. Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, the present Presiding Bishop, will officiate, assisted by Bishop Perry, of Rhode Island, who was formerly Presiding Bishop. Mr. Justice Owen J. Roberts, of Philadelphia, President of the House of Deputies at the General Convention, will present Bishop Sherrill for installation.

Bishop in Disguise

During the Japanese occupation of China, it was found necessary for the Church in free China to communicate with the Church authorities in occupied China. The Rt. Rev. Y. Y. Tsu, Assistant Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, undertook the dangerous task and decided to assume for the purpose the character and disguise of a peddler of cloth. He carried his wares in bundles slung from a bamboo pole across his shoulders. Besides accomplishing his mission, Bishop Tsu was able to visit and help many Christian congregations under the very noses of the Japanese.

Church Congress

To facilitate the systematic study of the fundamental questions of the Church's faith and order, the Church Congress will seek to provide a common meeting ground for clergy and laity of all schools of thought and churchmanship. Regional meetings will be held throughout the Church, and a national meeting will be held in Toledo, Ohio, April 22-24, 1947. The general topic for discussion will be "Authority and Freedom in Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship." The Rt. Rev. Walter H. Gray, Bishop Coadjutor of Connecticut, is President of the Church Congress.

Quiz-Master Ordained

Dr. I. Q., who quit his radio career to study for the Ministry, was recently ordained at Louisville, Kentucky, by Bishop Clingman. He is the Rev. James Wesley McClain and expects to do missionary work in the Diocese of Kentucky. The Dr. I. Q. heard on the radio now is a different person.

Presiding Bishop's Book for Lent

"Christian Perfection," by Archbishop Fenelon, has been selected as the Presiding Bishop's book for Lent, 1947. The book is translated by Mrs. Mildred Stillman, published by Harper's.

Bishop-Elect in Utah

The Rev. S. C. Clark, formerly Rector of St. Mark's Church, Pasadena, California, has taken up his residence at Salt Lake City, Utah. He was elected as Missionary Bishop of Utah at the General Convention in Philadelphia. His consecration will be held some time in December.

World Relief

General Convention instructed the National Council to raise \$1,000,000 for world relief during each of the years 1947, 1948, and 1949. Mr. Robert D. Jordan, of the Department of Promotion, is now abroad with camera men, making up a film showing the great need. It is hoped that every parish within our Church will secure this film when it is available for showing to all of our people. Then, it is hoped, that a special offering will be taken for this important matter of relief for the churches and their congregations throughout the world, who are suffering so much. The Reconstruction and Advance Fund is completed, but the completion of its work will need continued giving for world relief.

Washington Cathedral

The Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul at Washington, D. C., has raised \$375,000 toward a building fund of \$5,000,000 which is being sought for the completing of the "Patriot's Transept." This will form the southern arm of the Cathedral structure and will add five bays to the unfinished nave.

Workers Needed

Church workers for overseas duty are needed immediately as follows: English teacher for Boone Middle School, Wuchang, China; Physical Education Director for St. John's University, Shanghai, China; cook for Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Fort Yukon, Alaska; doctor for St. James' Hospital, Anking, China; two nurses for St. Timothy's Hospital, Cape Mount, Liberia; three nurses for St. Luke's Hospital, Manila, and St. Theodore's Hos-

pital, Sagada, Philippine Islands; two Priests for educational work in Liberia; two Priests for evangelistic work in the Diocese of Dornakal, India; matron for St. Mary's children's home, Honolulu; Priest for educational work, University of Hawaii; seven Priests for Alaska; librarian, Huachung University, Wuchang, China; teacher of engineering, St. John's University, Shanghai, China; Headmaster, St. John's Agricultural School, Quebrada, Puerto Rico; elementary and two high school teachers for girls, Liberia.

College Chaplains

The Church Society for College Work bespeaks for student Pastors in colleges the same support given to Army and Navy Chaplains during the war.

Editor Ordained

Mr. H. E. S. Reeves, editor and publisher of the *Miami Times*, an influential Negro weekly, was recently ordained Deacon at St. Agnes' Church, Miami, one of our larger parishes, with a communicant list of over 2,000.

A New Film

"Go Forth," the Church's latest motion picture (16 mm.) made in Hollywood with professional cast and technical staff, relates to the work of a missionary doctor in the Orient.

Pension Fund

The Church Pension Fund has total assets of \$40,637,784, and is paying pensions at the rate of about \$1,300,000 to approximately 2,500 beneficiaries—clergy, widows, and minor orphans.

General Patton's Pin

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On the morning of Thanksgiving Day, Bishop Hart preached at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown.

Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, has given furniture for choir and chancel to St. Paul's Church, Edgley.

The Rev. Percy R. Stockman was elected Chaplain of the recently organized Coast Guard League, at its first national convention held in Philadelphia. The League is open to all veterans of the Volunteer Port Security Force and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, who served in the major ports of the country during World War II.

The Rev. Louis W. Pitt, former Rector of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, preached on Thanksgiving Day at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, at a united service which included the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr Baptist Church, Radnor Methodist Church, St. Luke's Methodist Church, and the Haverford Friends Meeting.

A men's club was recently organized at Holy Trinity Church, Lansdale, with the following officers: President, William M. Taylor; Vice-President, George L. Clayton; Secretary, Theodore D. Sims; Treasurer, Edward H. Mansley.

Mr. Edward E. Wilcox, son of the Rev. Albert E. Wilcox, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, has left for the Philippine Islands, where he will serve as a member of the War Claims Commission appointed by the President of the United States. Mr. Wilcox is a newspaper man and will act as director of publicity for the Commission.

Mr. Lloyd R. Craighill, whose father is a Bishop in China, is a student at Swarthmore College, preparing for the ministry. He recently read the lessons in a service at Trinity Church, Swarthmore.

The Sixtieth Anniversary of the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamonds Streets, was observed during the first week in December.

The organ in St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, has recently been repaired, with satisfactory results.

Mrs. George D. Clark willed \$1,000 to the Church of the Holy Trinity, and a like sum to the Woman's Auxiliary of that parish.

The Rev. Vigo Auguste Demant, Canon and Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, preached a "Triduum" of sermons at St. Clemen's Church in November.

Bishop Remington went to Norwalk, Ohio, to participate in the consecration of the Rev. Lane W. Barton to serve as his successor as Missionary Bishop of Eastern Oregon.

The Church School room in the parish house of Grace Church, Mt. Airy, thanks to the ladies, has been renovated and decorated.

The Rev. Edmund B. Wood, Rector of St. Timothy's Church, and the Rev. Robert H. Stetler, Rector of St. Alban's Church, Roxborough, are actively working with the Community Council of the Twenty-first Ward to speed the provision of housing facilities for veterans in that section of the city.

The Rev. Richard S. Bailey, formerly Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ocean City, N. J., has become Rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Aronimink.

Bishop Hart went to Marcus Hook on October 30th to participate in the "burning of the mortgage" at St. Martin's Church.

A dinner for those from the parish who served in the war was given by Trinity Church, Coatesville, on November 4th. Bishop Remington was the principal speaker.

The Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, is President of the Main Line Ministerial Association.

Bishop Hart was the preacher at a Thanksgiving service for the Colonial Dames of America at Gloria Dei Church on Tuesday, November 26th.

An Advent Preaching Mission was conducted by Bishop Hart at the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, December 3rd-6th.

The West Philadelphia High School "a capella choir" gave a con-

cert in the Parish House of St. Barnabas Church, 64th and Haverford Avenue, on December 12th.

David G. Hornby, the only son of the Rev. Frederick B. Hornby, Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Manoa, died at the home of his parents on November 22nd. Burial service was held in Chester on November 25th.

Barbara Louise Hunter was baptized in the Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxborough, on the Sunday next before Advent. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hunter, are the only persons to have been married at the Cathedral, on September 12, 1942.

Special preachers at St. Mark's Church, Frankford, on Sunday evenings in Advent included the following: December 1st, Rev. Henry S. Gehman, Professor of Old Testament at the Princeton Theological Seminary; December 8th, Rev. Paul J. Hoh, President, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy; December 15th, Rev. Morton S. Enslin, Professor of New Testament, Crozier Seminary.

Miss Beryl Newman, Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Department of Christian Education, recently visited St. Paul's Sunday School, Chester, to observe its methods.

Ten thousand dollars has been spent for a new heating plant for Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown. Instead of having a separate drive for this sum, it is being included in the \$35,000 budget of the parish, to be financed through the Every Member Canvass.

From the weekly leaflet of St. Stephen's Church: "Everybody in the parish should read THE CHURCH NEWS, our Diocesan Magazine. So that we may become better informed about the work of the Diocese, the Rector has sent a blanket subscription covering the families of the parish, and Mr. Meckling has subscribed for the Hard of Hearing Congregation."

Mr. Edward R. Elkinton, a vestryman of the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, died on November 13th.

Mr. William Earle has been appointed to the position of Bell Ringer at St. Simeon's Church, 9th and Lehigh Avenue. He succeeds Mr. Robert S. Arnold, who filled

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STOPS THAT RE-START

Some may find it a helpful thought that life and its riddles is a bit like playing a phonograph—you get the answer to what it is all about only when you stop everything and look at the record.

A new year gives us just such an opportunity to stop a moment and look at the record. Business firms have to do so in relation to their financial transactions and the inventory of stock on hand. The parish churches have to do it in relation to the budget, past and future, and the records of membership and attendance. Individuals are required to do it in these days of income taxes that reach into nearly every pocket. But there are comparatively few that voluntarily do anything about such a pause and stock-taking for things of the spirit.

Once in a while serious illness comes as a blessing in disguise. It forces a halt and demands a certain amount of solitude. Then the record stands still for us to read and we are fortunate if there is no opportunity to turn the head away and ignore what has been inscribed on it.

Practice of Church Helps

One of the prime values of the Church Year is to be found along just this line. It sets one course of thought, prayer, and worship and directs all our attention toward a particular fraction of our total belief or Christian experience. Then it says: "Stop, evaluate that; then go on to new things." We never exhaust the possibilities of any one of those themes, but by the same token we never get a chance to ignore and completely neglect some of the others that have less inherent appeal. We are shepherded into a "balanced spiritual diet" that avoids

the monstrosities grown on a diet of obsessions.

No more valuable lesson could be taught to a world caught up in a dizzy whirl of unending busy-ness. Mostly we get about as much idea of the fine points of ourselves, our fellow men, our world, and our God as one does trying to read the label on a whirling phonograph record. Ability to stop is lacking even though occasional fleeting desire for it does make itself felt.

The clergy themselves need it. Vacation is not the answer, for that, quite rightly, is a more or less complete laying aside of responsibilities. It may be well turn into an "escape hatch." What is needed is a drawing away from regular routine and looking at it, not away from it, to see exactly where it is good and bad. Retreats—not just offered, but morally "compelled" by the attitude of the Diocese and of the individual parish—should be a regular part of every year. They can't be of much value where they endure for just a few hours or a day at a time. They need to establish a complete break with routine and regular responsibility and the concern with the ordinary mechanics of living. They need to be filled with such mental and spiritual content that a man's spirit brims over with new resolve and new enthusiasm because he has touched reality and seen a vision of what should be.

Proved Value to Men

Laymen need and prize something of the same sort as is being proved almost every week-end through the winter months in retreats provided by certain Roman Catholic groups. It is by no means only those of a monastic turn of mind who learn to value such opportunities. Many very "practical," hard-headed men of the world learn something of real life on such occasions that they count with their most prized possessions.

There could be no better place for our Church to seek out ways to offer these treasures to our people than right here in our own Diocese.

But just because the full fruits of such a way of living are not available to us on a large scale, the door is not closed on all effort. The lone individual can do much by himself if he once catches a vision of what a God-filled pause can do to his life and soul.

The greatest obstacle of all to be overcome is that of indefiniteness. "I can do this or that any time"

is the common attitude. Someone has said, "What we can do any time we never find any time to do." Unless we have some time at the beginning or end of each day to just be still and look and listen we never learn to do it. Even in prayer it is usually endless one-way chatter of what we think or want. Reality, Deity can't get a word in edgewise. Public worship is about the same. If a pause of complete silence were inserted some time the Rector would be thought queer indeed.

Need for Conscious Effort

And the day's end pauses must be gathered up and put in order now and again or they can never be interpreted in their full significance, but will remain an unintelligible jumble. Such opportunities will not just spring up out of the ground. They are the result of seed carefully selected, planted, and lovingly tended until they bring forth fruit. Work, pleasure, friends, duties will ever demand more time than there is to be given. One's only retreat then is into the quality of what is given since quantity is never sufficient to meet the situation. Quality is not produced easily or glibly. It is a tiny stroke here and another there over and over, with a pause and a stepping away to gain perspective on the work as a whole.

The right to do that in any aspect of life is not given by one's job, or the considerateness of friends and associates. It has to be fought for. And what can be harder to fight for or to explain than something that appears to others as nothingness! But it is in that sort of "nothingness," bought and cultivated, often at high cost, that the trash or treasure of the soul stands out in its true light.

The New Year will not be new, and each recurring new day will not really be new unless somewhere in it there is the stop that is a spring-board for a new start.

A. O. J.

APPRECIATION

The Rev. Frederick W. Blatz, who resigned as Rector of St. Peter's Church to become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Westfield, N. J., writes: "Enclosed is a check for my subscription to THE CHURCH NEWS. I am very glad to get the magazine, for it keeps me in good touch with all of my friends in Pennsylvania. I still say that it is the best of the diocesan church papers that I've seen."

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SEMINARY BOOK HOUR

Under the direction of Miss Mary Farr, Librarian, and the Rev. John M. Groton, a book review hour was held at the library of the Philadelphia Divinity School on November 25th. Seven new books were reviewed by Dean Gifford, Dr. Groton and

Dr. Joiner. Those present included a number of clergymen of various religious bodies in addition to graduate students and members of the faculty. Some of the book treasures of the William Bacon Stevens Library and the Yarnall Library were exhibited. This was the first of a series of similar events to be announced from time to time.

COLLEGE OF PREACHERS

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this position faithfully for 35 years preceding his death on August 6th.

About fifty of the wives of the clergy attended the meeting of the Rectory Club at the Hotel Sheraton on November 12th. The Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong told of his experiences as a Navy Chaplain.

The Church of the Epiphany, 57th and Baltimore Avenue, will erect on the grounds of the church a Service Cross to commemorate the men and women from the parish who served in World War II. It will be seven feet high, composed of granite, and will have a bronze plate on which will be inscribed the 118 names of those who served.

The Altar Guild of St. Barnabas Church, 64th and Haverford Avenue, secures a substantial number of subscriptions for THE CHURCH NEW: each year, and thereby makes a good profit for its treasury.

A nursery school is conducted at the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator where parents may leave children while they attend church. Mrs. Ida Whitelaw is in charge, assisted by members of the G. F. S. The parish guild has supplied equipment.

At the seventy-eighth commemoration of Founder's Day at the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, Dean Shreiner preached at the morning service and the Rev. Mervin L. Wanner, of Alaska, at the evening service.

Mr. Fitz Eugene Newbold has been appointed Treasurer of the Deaconess Retiring Fund Society, succeeding his late brother, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold.

Dr. Henry S. Fry, for many years organist and choirmaster at St. Clement's Church, was memorialized in a musical service rendered by the Camden Choral Art Society, St. Dunstan's Choir of Singers, and the Organ Players' Club at the North Baptist Church, Camden, N. J., on Tuesday evening, November 19th.

Calvary Church, Conshohocken, having made a contribution of \$100, has become a "founder" of a new Church College at Danville, Indiana, known as Canterbury College. The Rt. Rev. Richard A. Kirchhofer, Bishop of Indianapolis, made an appeal for this college when he

preached at Calvary Church during the meeting of General Convention.

On four Sunday evenings, St. Thomas' Church, White Marsh, conducted a course of study in international relations in the Parish House from 7:30 to 9 P. M.

Miss Alice Makin, 7027 Greenway Avenue, is the Diocesan Secretary of the Daughters of the King for the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, Vicar of St. George's Church, Ardmore, has been elected Vice-President of the Main Line Church School Association.

Members of the Pennsylvania Society of Mayflower Descendants held a service at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Five members of the society, in Pilgrim costumes, presented gifts of fruit. They were Frances Reed McIntire, Anne Keddall Seal, Betsy Roberts, Charles R. Alexander, and Edmund Alden Whiting.

The Diocesan Library Board of Managers would appreciate suggestions of new books to be purchased. Send names of books, authors and publishers. No fiction, but almost everything else will be procured upon request.

The Rev. Frank Damrosch, Jr., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, is Editor Pro-Tem of *The New Start*, a newspaper of the American Church Union of the Episcopal Church, with publication office in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution were addressed by Mr. Robert T. McCracken, Chancellor of the Diocese, at their annual service at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany on December 8th.

Extensive repairs and renovations to floors and walls in the Parish House of St. Paul's Church, Chester, has been made by volunteers among the boys and young men of the parish.

The Rev. Henry J. Pulver, Vicar of All Souls' Mission, attended the triennial meeting of the Conference for Church Workers Among the Deaf in Boston, of which he is President.

Miss Beryl Newman and the Rev.

Aaron Manderbach represented the Diocese at a provincial conference on Christian Education at the College of Preachers in Washington.

The following word from St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, speaks volumes: "Enclosed is our acceptance of our Proportionate Share for 1947. We cannot give more. It may be a struggle to get this amount but we feel that we dare give no less."

The festival of Santa Lucia was observed at Gloria Dei Church in honor of the Swedish Christian saint who was burned at the stake for her faith.

Bishop Hart is planning a Pre-Lenten Conference for the clergy of the Diocese to be held at the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, on January 27th.

A new oil burner has been installed at the Church of the Resurrection, Mayfair, at a cost of \$2,000.

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THE CHURCH WOMAN'S CLUB

The Church Woman's Club will hold its Epiphany Service at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, on Tuesday evening, January 7th, at 7:30. The Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary of the Diocese, will conduct the service. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, Rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator. The Rev. Percy R. Stockman, of the Seamen's Church Institute, will also participate in the service. The annual meeting of the Club will be held at the club rooms, 1919 Walnut Street, on Tuesday, January 14th, at 3 P. M. Six members of the Board of Managers will be elected, and the business meeting will be followed with tea. December 27th is the date this year for the Christmas party for members of the Club. Bishop and Mrs. Hart are guests of the Club at dinner on this occasion.

500 CHAPELS FOR SALE

The War Assets Administration announced recently that there are between 500 and 600 military chapels for sale. Most of them are of the "theater of operations" type, usually

of wood frame with steeple. In addition to pews, pulpits and other furnishings, many are equipped with electric or "pump" organs, heating plants and electric lighting.

SERVICE AT ST. PHILIP'S

Five hundred persons attended a recent service for acolytes and young people at St. Philip's Church, 1925 Lombard Street. Parishes represented were Annunciation, Calvary, Crucifixion, St. Mary's, St. Monica's, St. Philip's, St. Simon the Cyrenian, St. Thomas'. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Adolphus E. Henry of Wilmington, Del. Other clergymen participating in the service were Rev. Robert S. Harris, Rev. J. Walter Edwards, Rev. Francis B. Cannon, Rev. Thomas S. Logan. Lessons were read by Dr. Edmund D. Barker and Mr. Nehemiah Williams, Lay Readers. The music was in charge of Mr. Robert Hawkins and Mrs. Lida Wells.

SERMON CONTEST OUTLINED

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of-the-year" competition to encourage better understanding between Americans of all races and creeds. Dr. Guy Emery Shieler, Editor of *The Churchman*, explained the arrangement, which will begin in January. There will be a citation awarded each week for the best sermon which has been preached to a congregation and submitted to a committee of three judges. At the end of the year fifty-two of the sermons thus submitted will be included in a volume to be widely distributed.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Some equipment for your use has already been purchased, including a Tri-Purpose Projector and a quantity of film strips and slides. A portable screen will also be available for your use.

Meanwhile, the activity of the committee goes forward. A program has been arranged for the Philadelphia Divinity School for the near future. The faculty and students will see the recent sound films: "How to Teach with Films," and "The Child of Bethlehem," appropriate features for the time and the season. Similar programs can be arranged for your parish. Therefore, use this committee to your advantage.

On December 17th, representatives of our diocesan youth organizations, Convocational representatives and other young people met with adult advisers at the Church House to initiate a better coordinated youth program for this Diocese.

They were an enthusiastic group—eager to get "going" for they all recognized the need of some coordinating agency that would unite them on a diocesan, provincial and na-

tional level with all the young people of the Church.

They have set January 18th as Youth Convocational Day. Simultaneously in all six convocations Youth Rallies will be held. Prepare now to have your young people attend. Young people means—14 to 25 years of age—irrespective of group affiliation.

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WORLD-WIDE GLEANINGS

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Church for U. N. Delegates

Much has been said concerning prayers at the sessions of the United Nations General Assembly. While the sessions are not opened with prayer, arrangements have been made whereby St. George's Church, Flushing, is available for such delegates as may care to find a place for their own devotions. St. George's is about one-half mile from the place of meeting. Its history reaches back to colonial days and its life today is vigorous and active.

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The Church Army has opened a training center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Five men, from five different Dioceses, are now in training. It supplies consecrated and well equipped personnel to work under the auspices of the Church in parishes, missions, and institutions.

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In Germany, Pastors are not permitted to use the overcrowded railways; but the military authorities do permit them to travel freely on bicycles. Church leaders in this country are sending many bicycles to Europe for use in areas where normal transportation facilities are wholly inadequate. It takes a long time for a Pastor to walk five or ten miles to call on a member of his parish, but a bicycle cuts the time to a fraction.

CLERICAL CHANGES

The Rev. Christopher J. Atkinson, formerly assistant at St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Pa., has become Rector of St. James' Church, Downingtown.

The Rev. Carrol McCloskey Bates, formerly assistant at St. Alban's Church, Olney, has become Rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Roosevelt Boulevard and Front Street.

The Rev. Harold Anthony Hopkins, formerly assistant at St. Luke's Church, Germantown, has become Rector of St. Anne's Church, Willow Grove.

The Rev. Joseph Tatnall, formerly Rector of St. Mary's Church, Bridgeville, Del., has become Vicar of St. Philip's-in-the-Fields, Oreland.

The Rev. William Thomas Warren, formerly assistant at St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, has become Rector of the Church of the Incarnation, Morrisville.

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